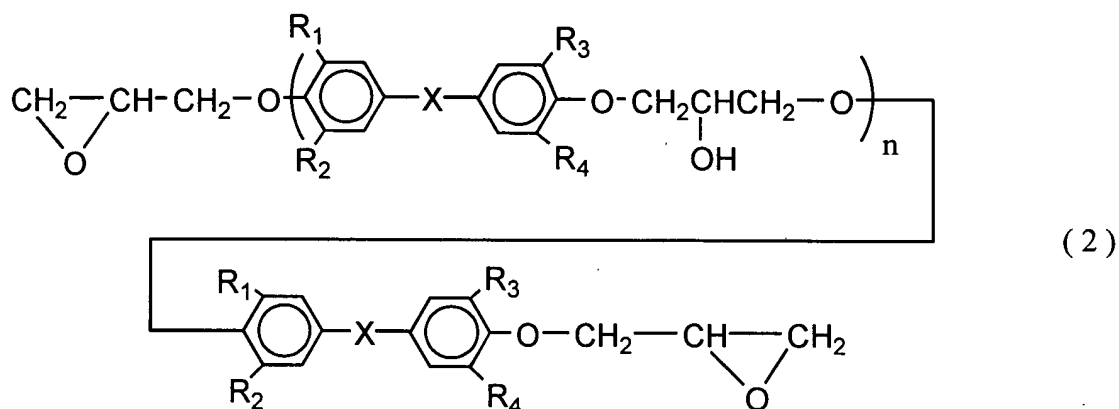


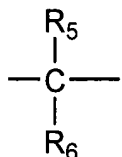
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A non-crystalline epoxy resin represented by general formula (2),

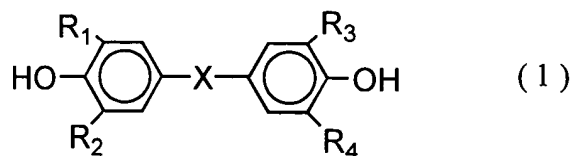


wherein R₁-R₄ indicate a hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, n is 0 or integer of 1 or more and X is a bond or the following general formula



wherein R₅-R₆ indicate a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6,

obtained by reacting liquid epoxy resin and an aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) ~~and epihalohydrine,~~



wherein R₁-R₄ and X are as identified herein,

having molecular weight distribution comprising, content of n=0 component in the epoxy resin represented by general formula (2) is 60% or less and epoxy equivalent is 250g/eq or over.

2. (Original) The epoxy resin of claim 1, wherein aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) according to claim 1, is 3,3',5,5'-tetramethyl-4,4'-dihydroxyldiphenyl methane.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy resin composition of claim 1 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

6. (Cancelled).

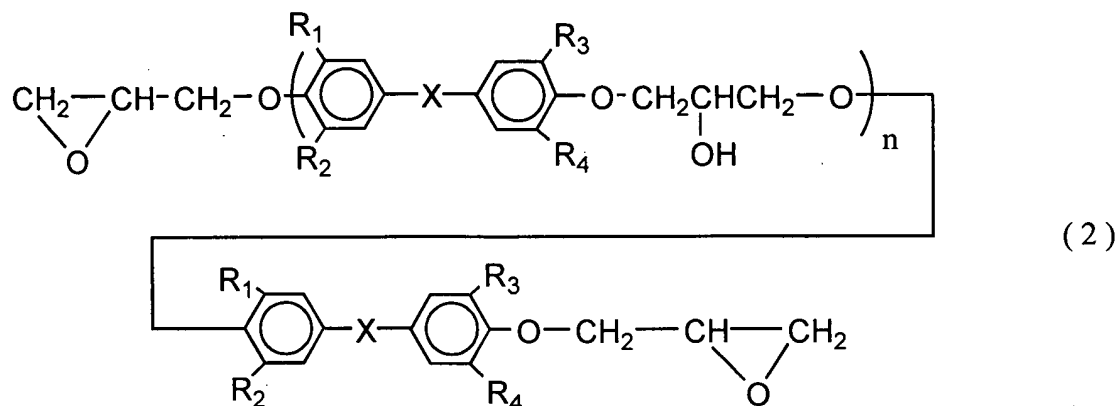
7. (Cancelled).

8. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy resin composition of claim 2 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

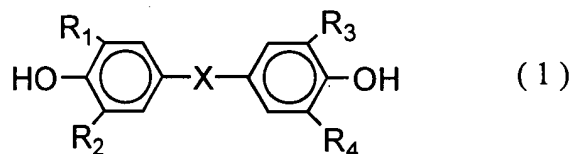
9. (Cancelled).

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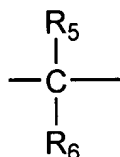
11. (New) A non-crystalline epoxy resin of high molecular weight represented by general formula (2),



wherein R_1 - R_4 indicate a hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, n is 0 or integer of 1 or more and X in the aromatic compound represented by general formula (1)



is a bond or epoxy resin represented by the following general formula



wherein R_5 - R_6 indicate a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6,

obtained by reacting an aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) and epihalohydrine,

wherein the weight average molecular weight of said non-crystalline epoxy resin is 10,000 or more and having a molecular weight distribution comprising an epoxy equivalent of 2,100g/eq or greater.